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In Re Applicants: David D. Szarka, *et al* §
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Serial No.: 10/026,736 §
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Filing Date: 12/20/2001 §
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And Method §

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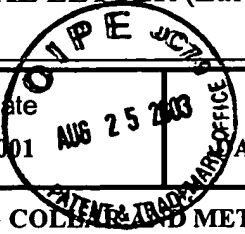
When the axial movement of the support 30 shifts the cementing plug 85 and support 30 axially downwardly into the position illustrated in Figure 2, the base of the support 30 engages a shoulder 89 formed at the upper end of the landing section 17. At this point, a snap ring 90 springs radially outwardly into an annular recess 91 in the internal wall of the valve housing 15 to prevent return upward axial movement of the sleeve support 30 and permanently deactivate the self-fill function. When the self-fill cementing collar is permanently deactivated, the support sleeve 30 may also be locked against rotation by any suitable means such as a spline slot 30a 31a that engages and stops against a lug projection 17a to prevent rotation within the housing 15 to thereby facilitate drilling out the collar at completion of the cementing procedure.

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Invention: **CIRCULATING CEMENTING COLLECTOR METHOD**

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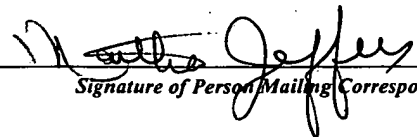
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